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News and Notes from . . . **OUR TOWN**

Read about what's new in Salem and learn how to become more involved in shaping the town's future

From the Office of the First Selectman

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

The long days of summer are upon us. I hope you have plenty of outdoor time to enjoy your favorite activities.

Let's review what has been going on in our town:

Renewed Activity at Salem Four Corners

We have renewed activity at the four corners with Zito Construction breaking ground on their new building. The mixed-use building will have commercial space on the lower level to accommodate new businesses in our town, as well as residential apartments with a locked entry and elevator on the second floor.

ReStore® Reaches One Million Dollars!

ReStore, a branch of Habitat for Humanity, has raised one million dollars in three short years! The ReStore resale outlet has a mixture of construction supplies, furniture, paint and home accessories. It has become a favorite stop for both contractors and homeowners. All the money they raise goes to providing housing for those in need.

Treasure Hill Farm

The former Lecce farm is being transformed under the direction of JoAnne Newman, founder of Treasure Hill Farm. JoAnne is a long-time Salem resident and former Executive Director of the Mystic Art Association. Treasure Hill will have a state-of-the-art barn and indoor riding facilities.

Subway-International Recognition

Out of 35,000 Subway Restaurants in 97 countries, the April issue of Subway Magazine features "Greetings from Salem, Connecticut." Congratulations to owner Andrew Bialobrodec and his staff.

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Town Budget

Through firm enforcement of our purchasing policy, strong negotiations with all vendors and fiscal responsibility by all departments, we have submitted a budget for 2011-2012 that is nearly 3% lower than the previous year. Thank you to all departments for this joint effort in using our town funds wisely.

Get Involved

If you have thought about helping your town—please come forward. We need good people to serve on boards and commissions as well as Emergency Responders, Friends of the Salem Library, PTO, Lions, Historical Society and many more organizations that serve our town. Salem runs on volunteers. Many volunteers comment to me that the rewards they receive from sharing their time and talents are priceless. Please call my office (860-869-3504). I will be glad to sit down and discuss the many opportunities available for you to serve our town.

Congratulations Graduates!

Our town has many of its daughters and sons graduating this month. We are proud of each and every one of you. You have been given a firm foundation from your family and your community. We wish you continued success as you travel your path in life.

I want to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to make our town of Salem a better place to live.

Enjoy your summer. I hope to see you around town at one of our many activities.

I am honored to be your First Selectman.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lyden



Working Toward Safer, Healthier Schools

By State Sen. Andrea L. Stillman, 20th District



As another school year draws to a close it's important to remember how public education policy in Connecticut is rightly focused on important topics like curricula, student and teacher performance, and legitimate financial concerns with a goal of preparing young people for what the future has in store.

Concurrent with this responsibility, however, is policy regarding ongoing, day-to-day operation of public schools themselves, and that was the subject of National Healthy Schools Day, held earlier this spring at the state Capitol. I welcomed the chance to address the issue at this event, organized by the Connecticut Foundation for Environmentally Safe Schools (ConnFESS).

The connection between healthy schools and learning is readily apparent; recent studies yield conclusive statistics to underscore the nexus. For instance, just in terms of providing adequate ventilation, research shows enhanced air flow in school buildings can reduce colds and flu by 9 to 20 percent, vastly improving attendance and school performance as a result.

Fluctuating ventilation was also a factor in fifth-grade achievement in both reading and math, according to ConnFESS. In a study of 54 elementary schools, 'test scores...suffered in classrooms with the poorest ventilation, while scores in better ventilated rooms were higher.'

Air flow is just one environmental variable with the potential to adversely affect health—and learning. The presence of mold, lead, pesticides, asbestos, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) can be as detrimental as bad air or water. Our responsibility on the Education Committee is to monitor conditions in existing schools—more than two-thirds of which are more than 30 years old—and make sure new schools are sited, designed, built, and/or renovated to mitigate exposure to these things.

Truth is, Connecticut has an excellent record in this regard: since 1999 our state has enacted new laws to address indoor air quality, pesticide use, bus emissions, school construction standards, and VOCs contained in many cleaning products used in schools. With these healthy policies in place, however, we remain challenged in terms of implementation and enforcement: Connecticut has more than 1,100 school buildings with some 575,000 students and 86,000 employees.

This year's healthy schools emphasis is on effective ways local school districts can work to ensure a safer, healthier learning environment. One suggestion offered is as simple and straightforward as this: launch a school environment Web page to increase awareness of how important the issue is.

Other suggestions require more activism, for example, encouraging all members of a school community who drive (teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and bus drivers) to commit to a no-idling pledge or planning an all-school anti-clutter day to allow for increased air flow and to minimize pest and dust mite habitat.

Those of us who advocate for healthy schools know the return on our investment of time, energy, and funding pays dividends in terms of better attendance, improved test scores, more productive graduates, and lower faculty and staff turnover. There is growing consensus that our state must continue doing all it can in this regard.

Andrea Stillman represents the 20th Senatorial District, which includes New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem and Montville.

Proposed Bill Aims to Get Route 11 Moving Again

By State Rep. Ed Jutila, 37th District



In the last edition of *Our Town - Salem* I made note of two transportation bills that I had introduced in this session of the General Assembly. In this edition's article, I would like to provide an update on one of those bills – HB 6200 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLLS ON NEW HIGHWAYS OR HIGHWAY EXTENSIONS, as well as clear up some misconceptions about the bill.

HB 6200 would simply authorize the Department of Transportation to use tolls as one potential source of revenue to build new highways or extend existing highways. The tolls would be removed once the bonds issued to finance the highway project have been paid in full. The bill does not require tolls to be used to pay for such new highways; rather it simply is one option the DOT would have as it develops a financing plan for highway construction. The bill would not authorize tolls to be placed on any existing highway such as I-95, I-395 or I-84.

A key misconception is that there would be toll booths

in the middle of the highway that would cause delays and present safety issues. Many people recall the tragic accident in the 1980s on I-95 that became a major catalyst for the eventual removal of all tollbooths from Connecticut highways. Although the bill does not spell out the details on how tolls would be implemented, it certainly is my expectation that any such tolling would utilize 21st century electronic technology, eliminating any need to stop or even slow down.

Another significant misconception is that traffic would be diverted on to secondary roads as motorists seek to avoid paying the toll. Again, this bill would authorize tolls only on new highways, i.e. highways that do not currently exist. It is no secret that my primary motivation is to provide a source of funding that will get the Route 11 project moving again. Taking that project as an example, the toll would be placed on the portion of the highway to be completed, and not on the current Route 11. It follows that vehicles cannot be diverted from a highway that does not exist. The toll may cause some motorists who currently drive on Route 85 to stay there, but they are there now anyway. Some, hopefully most, will choose to pay what I envision to be a small amount to use the new highway, saving time and money due to reduced fuel consumption.

As I write this article, HB 6200 has passed both the Transportation and Finance Committees. In order to address concerns raised by some members, the Finance Committee amended the bill to limit its applicability only to Route 11 and to eliminate a provision that would have allowed the tolls to remain long enough to generate a maintenance fund. It now moves on to the House Calendar where it will be ready for debate and a vote by the full House.

It was over a year ago that the Transportation Commissioner presented a list of projects to the Transportation Committee that would be put on indefinite hold due to lack of available funding. At that time, I concluded that Route 11 would never be completed without a new source of funding for at least a portion of the state's 20 percent share of the total cost. HB 6200 provides a new option for funding that I am hopeful will help to jumpstart the Route 11 project.

Ed Jutila represents the 37th Assembly District, which includes Salem and East Lyme.

A Moment in Salem History



This photograph is the unveiling ceremony for the World War II monument on May 30, 1950, Memorial Day. Sixty men and one woman served in World War II from Salem. Standing in the background is Mrs. Hale, a gold-star mother. Her son is the only one from Salem who was lost in battle.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

Residents share their stories in columns related to various aspects of Salem life

A LONG WAY FROM HOME: Soldiers Describe Their Journey from Salem to Iraq...and Back Again

By Elizabeth C. Regan

Every soldier's Iraq is different. The members of the United States military leave footprints—shaped and weighted by their own background and experiences—on a landscape as varied as those who walk on it. They return with sundry souvenirs. Back here at home, every soldier's Salem is different, too.

Commander Dinis Pimentel and retired Sergeant Brent Walker are two Salem residents who have made their way from Salem to Iraq and home again. Dinis, a Navy reservist, was deployed to Iraq to serve as an Individual Augmentee in support of the U.S. Army. Brent served two tours in Iraq as part of the 172nd Stryker Brigade after having enlisted in the Army upon his high school graduation in 2004. Both men came back to a barrage of signs and flags welcoming them home. In Dinis's case, it was his wife Shanon and two sons—ages 14 and 12—who oversaw the creation of the signs. In Brent's, it was his mother and father, Susan and Leland Walker.

"When I came back on leave the first time, my father was close to cleaning Home Depot out of American flags," Brent says with a smile that is both wry and subtly doting beneath the cropping of facial hair that reflects his status as a newly retired soldier. "They always go overboard with it. They're parents. It's what they do. I appreciate it."

Still, Brent says he asked his parents to tone it down a bit the next time he came home. He's an understated sort of guy. He feels he doesn't need the attention. But his mother and father know differently—especially since their son returned to Salem in January of 2011 with a Purple Heart after having been retired from the Army due to wounds received when a suicide bomber exploded five feet behind him at a U.S. Army command outpost in Baqubah, Iraq.

Brent describes the act of terror this way: "I got my bell rung." The bomber's explosive vest had been wrapped

in nails and ball bearings. Now Brent lives with a nail in his neck and six more in his shoulders and arms. The one in his neck, dangerously close to his carotid artery, is largely responsible for the 80% disability rating that led—after a year-and-a-half-long assessment period—to his retirement from the Army. Anything higher than a 30% disability rating gets a soldier medically retired from service.

Brent's wounds wreaked havoc on his personal and professional life. His marriage fell apart while he waited back at his station in Fairbanks, Alaska, for the Army to decide if he would be retired.



Dinis Pimentel

"I pushed her away a lot," he says of his wife, with whom he is currently going through a divorce. "I just couldn't deal with a lot of things anymore. I had a lot of anger problems."

For this man who had long eschewed being the source of other people's worry, the aftermath of that explosion left him in the most awkward place of his life. All his previous admonitions to his family to relax were overshadowed by the reality of war. "I always told [my wife], 'I may not talk to you for two weeks, I may not talk to you for a month. But don't worry about me, don't watch the news, don't do anything unless you get a phone call. Then you can start worrying.'" Brent sighs. In the face of the tragic justification of his wife's fears, he finds a deep sense of frustration. "Well, she got a phone call."



Here in Salem, Dinis Pimentel's wife, Shanon, lived in fear of such a call for the duration of her husband's year-long deployment. She stopped watching and listening to the news. At Lyme Consolidated School, where she works as a librarian, her arrival each morning at her regular parking space in front of the flag pole would set the tone for her entire day. "Every day the flag was at half-staff was not a good day," she says.

While Shanon kept the home fires burning, Dinis worked in the field of biometrics as part of U.S. force protection in Iraq. Biometrics measures and analyzes biological features in order to determine who someone is. Fingerprinting is just one example of the many forms that biometrics can take; analyzing a photo of the iris of a person's eye is another. At U.S. Army headquarters in Baghdad, Dinis was involved with global policy pertaining to how biometrics is used in Iraq. Another part of his tour took him all over the northern part of the country, where he worked with various units to effectively utilize biometric systems for their specific force protection.

Dinis's designation in Iraq was that of an Individual Augmentee (IA). An IA is a member of the military selected because of a special skill set to carry out a specific function. An IA may or may not serve as part of the branch of the military from which he or she originates. Status as an IA enabled Dinis, a submariner in the Navy Reserves, to work within various Army units throughout Iraq. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a master's from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. It was this firm foundation and subsequent technological experience—not any direct knowledge about biometrics—that led to his selection for this project. “I never even heard of biometrics being used in this capacity before getting there,” he says. “I had some idea of what it could be, but I really didn't know what it was that I'd be doing until I got some on-the-job training.”

Dinis is quick to point out that his time overseas was fairly benign in terms of threat to life and limb. But he emphasizes that not everyone is so fortunate. In fact, Dinis went into Iraq knowing that family friend Brent Walker had been wounded there a year before. The Pimentels and Walkers were first connected through the school at which both Dinis's wife and Brent's mother work; now Dinis and Brent are connected through their service.

Dinis is reticent when it comes to his own experiences while deployed. But the words flow much more freely when he speaks of the sacrifices so many others have made in service to their country. It's a different language.

“There's a distinction between ‘injured’ and ‘wounded,’” he explains. “If I cut myself cutting tomatoes for lunch, I'm injured. If someone else cuts me out of malice, I'm wounded. And then the greater extent of that is beyond wounded.” His voice is soft. “Lost.”



Such terms are part of a military lexicon that Dinis's wife has no interest in learning. Despite growing up the Army brat of a Vietnam veteran, Shanon was able to distance herself from the jargon associated with the lifestyle. She went so far as to swear she'd never marry a military man.

Shanon met Dinis at the graduation party of a mutual friend. He was just out of high school and wholly civilian. She embarked on their relationship confident in the knowledge that he was most definitely not a military man. That is, until he made the move from community college to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where the high tuition led him follow the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) route as a way to subsidize his education.

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When Shanon found out her boyfriend was planning to sign up for the kind of life she had previously disavowed, she cried. A lot. But there was some clarity when the tears dried. “I decided he was the one I wanted to be with, so I could do it,” she says.

The couple married in 1993. Dinis spent seven and a half years on active duty in Groton. According to Shanon, her husband’s longest tour—which took him to Scotland—lasted approximately six months. Then, in 2002, he joined the Navy Reserves. Several years later he was advised that he’d been put in a pool of military members who may be deployed at any point.

“So we always had that thing over our heads,” Shanon says. But things were calm here in Salem. They brought their boys to school and Scouting events and carried on as usual. “It just seemed like a faraway possibility.”

When Dinis finally phoned Shanon at work in October, 2009, to let her know he’d been called up, she replied that she couldn’t think about it right then. “I have to put that in a box,” she told him.

Dinis did not leave for Iraq until March of the following year. The days, filled with preparations for Dinis’s year-long departure, revolved around housework, paperwork, and dread. “The anticipation was awful,” Shanon says. “We didn’t know what to expect.”



Meanwhile, Brent Walker was in a different kind of limbo on the other side of the country in the aftermath of the explosion. He’d been assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska, while he waited to find out if he’d be medically retired from service. There, he was able to take advantage of the Army Wounded Warrior (AW2) program, which began in 2004 to address the needs of severely wounded soldiers.

Brent joined others in his WTU for daily physical training and occasional tactical exercises. He took classes at the University of Alaska. He also participated in excursions and tours facilitated by volunteers with the Wounded Warrior program to provide some much needed R&R.

At the time, he was one of three soldiers in his unit who had been wounded by hostile action. The majority of the unit consisted of members who had been injured in accidents. “There are accidents all the time,” Brent says. “People fall off trucks, break their arm.” One of his friends even injured his shoulder playing basketball in Iraq—though the mishap proved serendipitous when his medical care revealed a serious but undiagnosed back

injury sustained during a prior helicopter accident.

The hostile nature of the attack that Brent sustained led to emotional as well as physical wounds. He was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, for which he received individual and group therapy. It was difficult to come to grips with the reality of an attacker who would impersonate a member of the Iraqi police to gain access to the base and detonate a suicide bomb.



Brent Walker

Brent was working a regular security patrol at his small combat outpost at the time of the at-

tack. As part of these patrols, U.S. soldiers are taught to be on the lookout for the kind of bulky clothing that could be hiding a suicide vest. It’s difficult to make such an assessment, however, when so many members of the Iraqi police are walking around in bullet-proof vests that convey a similar appearance.

In a story cobbled together through shards of memory and discussions with men from his unit who were there, Brent recounts the moments before the explosion: “I actually walked up to this guy as we were going by and said ‘salaam alaikum,’ which means peace be with you, and he responded to me. I walked past him—our convoy walked past—and that’s when he blew himself up. I actually shook this guy’s hand right before he blew me up.”

Brent was left with burns all over his body in addition to nails in his neck and arms. At first, the triage nurses at the base hospital didn’t have high hopes for his survival. “They thought the artery in my neck had been completely destroyed. They didn’t know how I was still walking, but they thought I was going to bleed out right there,” Brent says. Yet he hung in there. He was even making jokes. The doctors and nurses eventually stabilized him;

then they put him on a helicopter to the military hospital at Joint Base Balad. From there he was medically evacuated to Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

The months between that Iraq attack and Brent's eventual medical retirement from the Army were long ones, spanning the spring of 2009 to spring 2011. There was little he or his family could do to speed the process along. "They kept giving me tentative dates on when my Med Board would be done," he says, referring to the Medical Evaluation Board process that determines a soldier's medical fitness for continued duty. "But it just kept getting pushed back more and more."

The Alaskan winters were the worst. The days were a perpetual blend of dawn and dusk. "To put it bluntly, it sucked," Brent said. "It was really rough for a while. It was." He lived in a small cabin with his four year old chihuahua, Bandit. "I've probably talked to my dog more in the last year than any other person," Brent says.

In February, anticipating the long summer days that are the hallmark of the Land of the Midnight Sun, he purchased a 2001 Harley Super Glide. "That was my little project to work on myself," he says. The summer, when it came, was short but rewarding.

Another winter would set in before the powers-that-be made his medical retirement official. The date on all the paperwork was March 22, 2011. He was able to return to Salem several months early thanks to accrued leave time. A few weeks were added to his leave to facilitate the move from Fairbanks.



Dinis Pimintel's tour, which was very different from that of the infantry soldier's, was split between travel throughout the north and work at Army headquarters in Baghdad. He found the northern landscape to be strangely reminiscent of home. American soldiers he met there consistently remarked how much the terrain resembled their own places of origin. One would say it looked like Oregon, another like Vermont. "Wherever they're from," Dinis says, "that's what it looks like."

Dinis's travels in the north—consisting of more than 60 separate trips—brought him to various Army bases that were seeking to expand their use of biometrics. He also worked with the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior, meeting with such leaders as the Director General or the head of Passports and Nationalities. He traveled with a group that included representatives from the U.S. military, Department of State, and Department of Homeland Security, as well as a few Iraqi government officials.

Throughout these treks, Dinis was accompanied by a Kurdish security attachment. He was impressed by the commitment of these Peshmerga (meaning "those who face death") fighters. "They weren't simply on some detail thinking 'hey, I got his assignment and when does it end' and so forth," Dinis says. "They were actively looking to provide that security for us."



Dinis Pimintel and an Iraqi border official.

Dinis kept in contact with his family in between his travels by using Internet technologies such as Skype, a program that enables video chat, and Facebook, the omnipresent social networking tool. Whenever he wasn't on the road, he'd check in with his family for about a half hour each day. They'd meet regularly via streaming video at 5 a.m. his time, 9 p.m. Salem time. These scheduled conversations began upon his arrival in Iraq and continued through his departure almost a year later.

March 2011—coincidentally, the month that brought with it Brent's medical retirement—signified Dinis Pimintel's return from Iraq. Dinis's itinerary included several days of transitioning in Kuwait; layovers in Germany and Baltimore; and then a few more days in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was processed out of active service and back into the Reserves. The final leg of his journey took him on a commercial airliner to Bradley International Airport. "My wife met me at the airport and that was a happy face to see," he says.

Upon his arrival in Salem, Dinis was greeted by "Welcome Back" signs that had been posted all over town in strategic positions mapped out by his eldest son. Shannon and the boys were assisted by friends—most of them Boy Scouts—in the preparation and distribution of twenty signs.

Dinis spent several weeks re-acclimating to home life

before he returned to his job as an energy consultant for Siemens. Days were spent catching up with family and friends. He also took several meetings at Babe's Deli. "It's a great place to meet. Have coffee, breakfast if it's earlier, and you see half a dozen people you know. It's a good thing," he says. Two Brothers Restaurant & Pub is another favorite haunt for the family.

Shanon spent those first few weeks reveling in her husband's return to this small town that has always treated them so well. She describes his reception, as well as the support provided in his absence, as amazing. She now feels like she knows everybody in town. "Well," she amends with a laugh, "we know everybody that goes to Two Brothers, that's for sure!"

As far as the military goes, Dinis is back on the advertised schedule of a Navy reservist. "One weekend a month, two weeks a year. It's nominal," he says. An added benefit is that he need only travel as far as Groton.

The Pimentel's next big trip is totally voluntary and much anticipated. It will take them to the Azores, where they will visit the home, built by Dinis's father, in which Dinis's brothers and sister were born. The summer vacation will be their second visit; the first took place just a month before Dinis deployed for Iraq. Shanon welcomes the opportunity to gain a fuller understanding of her husband's Portuguese heritage.



Brent Walker is still acclimating to life back in Salem. He lives with his parents and two younger brothers. There's a billboard at the bottom of the driveway that reads "Welcome Home Sgt. Walker." It's the same yard in which, as a child, he used to line up his GI Joe figures or play with stick rifles out in the woods. The lively household is a far cry from the cabin back in Alaska. "It's a little overwhelming. I had to get used to that for a while, just dealing with living with people again rather than talking to my dog all the time," Brent says.

For this retired soldier, who had his sergeant stripes put on before he was even 21 years old, the time to set forth on his first civilian job search is approaching. "Coming from the infantry, they tell me I've got all sorts of skill sets to do anything," he says. But he's clearly skeptical. "I haven't had experience doing anything other than this. Even before the Army, I worked construction for a little while, I worked at the music shop for about a year back when it was Riccardo's Music and Arts Center, but that's it. I don't have experience doing much else other than kicking down doors and shooting stuff."

He's been tossing around ideas ranging from private security to motorcycle mechanics. Amidst all the possibilities, however, is a sense of ambivalence. "For the last six and a half years I've had everything so rigid and organized," he says. "Since I've been back, I've been shaving as little as possible, letting my hair grow out, sleeping in and being late. Just doing everything I couldn't do while in the Army." So he's given himself until the end of the summer to see what happens. "I'm just throwing everything up in the air and seeing what falls down on me."



Dinis Pimentel and Brent Walker are two men in a long line of soldiers that the town of Salem has sent to battle since its inception almost two hundred years ago. Among their ranks is Army Captain Jason Hamill, who was killed by a roadside bomb on Nov. 26, 2006, in Baghdad.

"For me and our family, all we've done is say that we'd participate if you call us," Dinis says. "You called us, we've participated." But, he explains, there are differences in participation. "I came back with ten and ten," he says, raising his hands and wiggling his fingers. "But we've had Salem residents that have been wounded in these wars. We've had some that have been lost in these wars. We're a small community and it has had a great impact on some Salem families. Right here it has that sort of reach."

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By Anne Rowthorn

Salem's honeybees are working hard to keep our town sweet. We talked to several local beekeepers who told us how. Art and Arlene Winakor, proprietors of A'S and B'ZZZ, have numerous bee hives located in Salem, East Haddam and Colchester. They got started in a unique way. When Art retired in 1996 his son, Mike, gave him a bee hive, complete with a queen bee and workers. After so many years working with people, Art found it refreshing just watching his bees do their work. He soon increased his hives and gave away his honey to family and friends. When they had more than enough they suggested he start marketing it. He began with small businesses in Salem and as he expanded his hives his sales grew to include supermarkets throughout our area.

Art's fascination with the lives of bees is infectious. He readily shares his knowledge of their habits. Bees have two pairs of wings that beat at an amazing 230 times per second. Each hive houses three types of bees — one queen plus 40,000 to 60,000 workers and drones. The hive is a well-defined social group with every bee having a distinct role. The queen that lives up to eight years leaves the hive only once in her lifetime for the sole purpose of mating with several drones. In that single trip she will collect enough sperm to last her lifetime. Back in the hive she lays between one and two thousand eggs a day. The drone's only purpose is to mate with the queen. The phrase "busy as a bee" refers to the industrious worker bees. They visit 50 to 100 flowers each day to collect pollen which they bring back to the hives to feed the larvae, making the honey. Their functions are divided into different roles: some collect pollen or nectar, others guard the hive, some are team leaders within the hive. Nurse bees take care of the queen and undertaker bees dispose of the dead drones and workers whose lifespan is about 45 days. Worker bees that collect honey must visit 4,000 flowers to make a tablespoonful.

The amazing bee is responsible for pollinating more than 80% of the crops that find their way to our kitchens. These remarkable insects have inhabited the earth for 130 million years and their honey has been harvested since 700 B.C.E. Until the advent of refined cane sugar, honey, along with a little maple syrup, was the only available sweetener. Now for health reasons many people are returning to honey as a table-sugar replacement.



Art Winakor at work.

Unlike refined sugar, there are many health benefits to using honey. One

teaspoon of table sugar contains 16 calories, while one teaspoon of honey has 22 calories, but because honey is sweeter, less is needed and, unlike table sugar, honey contains small amounts of vitamins and minerals. Those who suffer from "hay fever" may benefit from consuming locally-grown honey. Strange as it seems, straight exposure to pollen often triggers allergies but exposure to pollen in the honey usually has the opposite effect. Honeybees collect pollen from flowering trees and plants close to their hives. When people living in these same areas eat honey that was produced in that environment, the honey will often act as an immune booster. The closer the better since local honey will have more of exactly what you'll need.

Art says beekeeping is labor-intensive. He constantly checks his hives, opening them regularly to ensure the queen is still there. He tries to do it when it is sunny and most of the bees are out gathering pollen but even though he wears protective gear, he occasionally gets stung. After collecting the honey, Art and his family put it in an extractor, a large stainless steel tank, then wait seventy-two hours to allow impurities to rise. Afterwards he pours the pure honey into five-gallon pails. Finally he filters, screens, bottles and labels it.

Art loves sharing his knowledge of bees and he particularly enjoys the occasions when classes from the Montville schools visit. He shows them the bee hives, the apple, peach and pear trees, the clover and wild flowers that the bees visit. He demonstrates how the honey is prepared and everyone gets a taste. Arlene treats the children to homemade honey cookies and other goodies. Salem has other beekeepers who are just



Ralph Boles in front of his hives.

as enthusiastic about the art of beekeeping as Art and Arlene and they each have between one hive and ten. Just a few of them are: Ralph Boles, Tim Grilley, John Dytko, Bill Martin, Sharon Sanders and Richard Chyinski and the Gadbois and the Yeoh families. Ralph Boles has two hives made of scrap wood that were developed by the Peace Corps for use in Africa. Most of them are members of the Eastern Connecticut Beekeepers Association where Tim Grilley teaches a beginning class in beekeeping.

In recent years bees have been declining, probably due to loss of habitat, disease and excessive use of pesticides. Peter Neumann, in a recent U. N. Environmental Program report, said "There is not an immediate pollination disaster but the writing is on the wall. We

have to do something to ensure pollination for future generations. Insects are usually not cute but they are the backbone of ecosystems." Here in Salem, we can help our bees by limiting our use of pesticides, planting more trees—especially fruit trees—and all manner of perennial flowers. Bees will continue to help us by pollinating vegetables and fruits and perhaps help control our spring allergies. You may want to try to take a little local honey every day. Recommendations vary from a teaspoon to a tablespoon. In baking, three quarters of a cup of honey can be used to replace a cup of white sugar.

Our Town Salem salutes our local beekeepers and we thank them for helping the bees keep Salem sweet and healthy.

Salem's Long-Time Resident Hiram Bingham IV Receives Posthumous "Medal of Valor"

By Robert Kim Bingham

Hiram Bingham IV rose to the occasion. He placed humanity above career and stood up to evil in the early days of the Holocaust. We're grateful to the Simon Wiesenthal Center for bringing out his story by presenting the prestigious Medal of Valor at the annual awards dinner on March 28, 2011 in NYC.

Hiram "Harry" Bingham IV was a humble religious man, whom I loved, and with whom my ten brothers and sisters and I grew up in Salem, Connecticut for 45 years until he died peacefully at home in 1988, at the age of 84.

Today, Harry is recognized by the U.S. government as a WWII Holocaust rescuer during 1940-1941, when he served as a U.S. vice consul in Vichy France following the Fall of France to the Nazis. He defied his government to save lives, sacrificing his promising career in the Foreign Service. In 1945 he unhappily resigned from the Foreign Service after his transfer to Buenos Aires, where he was passed over for promotions.

According to the Wyman Institute, while other outposts in France refused to issue visas, refugees had "made their way to Marseilles, seeking to reach Harry Bingham for one last chance to live." *Medoff* 5/6/04.

In May 2006, the U.S. Postal Service issued a postage



stamp honoring Hiram Bingham IV as a "Distinguished American Diplomat," for his "Constructive Dissent." In June 2002, Secretary of State Colin Powell granted the "Constructive Dissent" award posthumously to Harry. Powell stated to diplomats at the ceremony that Harry Bingham placed his "life and career on the line" doing the right thing. This was a welcome first-time government recognition of Harry's humanitarian deeds so many years after he had resigned.

The late Congressman Tom Lantos, the sole Holocaust survivor in Congress who spoke at the Hiram Bingham IV stamp ceremony in the Nation's Capital, said:

"Hiram Bingham's courage is an inspiration to us all. In an age when too many chose to ignore the plight of the persecuted, he became directly engaged in their cause at significant risk to himself. It is said 'whoever saves one life saves the world.' Humanity owes Hiram Bingham its admiration for the example he provided in saving the world many... times over." *Source: Philadelphia Jewish Voice, August 2006.*

Robert Kim Bingham is the son of Harry Bingham. He is the author of COURAGEOUS DISSENT: How Harry Bingham Defied His Government to Save Lives.

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How Salem, East Haddam and Lyme Celebrated Earth Day 2011

By Diba Khan-Bureau



Students Brittany Jones (green hat) and Chris Gordon (white hat), along with professor Diba Khan-Bureau, perform a Rapid Bioassessment on the Eightmile River on Earth Day.

How did you celebrate Earth Day? In Salem and surrounding towns of Lyme and East Haddam, we held two events.

First, the Eightmile River Rapid Bioassessment was performed in Salem, Lyme and East Haddam. My STRONG-CT students and the students from the environmental studies class from Three Rivers Community College (TRCC) participated in the event. The experienced students, including myself, led the less experi-

enced students to Beaver Brook, Burnham Brook, Lyme Preserve and Harris Brook, all tributaries of the Eight-mile River. This event is performed two times per year. We take samples of insect larvae from the river to use as biological indicators of water quality and provide the samples to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for analysis. We have been helping the towns and the state agency collect data for the past 10 years.

Secondly—and later the same day to conserve fuel—the same students from TRCC helped guide young someday-scientists or environmental stewards to look for amphibians and reptiles as part of the annual Salem Land Trust Amphibian Walk in Walden Preserve. We have been guiding the walk for the past three years. We were fortunate to have Kevin Hotary from the ReminderNews join us. He took some great photos. I took many too. The kids love this event and it is a great way to introduce the importance of biodiversity, sustainability, and stewardship to those inquisitive young minds! We found many red back salamanders and we even found a turtle. It was a cool evening and regrettably we didn't hear many spring peepers, but we know that they are there.

One thing we hope to teach everyone is this: if you take beverages, food or anything else into the woods—please take it all out. Let's keep our environment clean and beautiful. We are so fortunate to have wonderful places to hike and explore.

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From the Desk of the Town Clerk World War II Scrap Drive

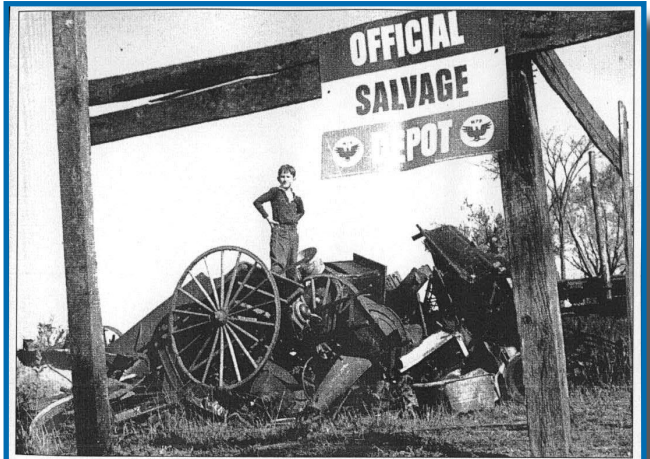
By Pat Crisanti

During the war years, Americans got their first taste of recycling. To aid the war effort, they were encouraged to salvage their tin cans, bottles, odd bits of rubber, waste paper, nylon and silk (to make parachutes), scrap metal of any type, and even fats and cooking oils left over from cooking, with which to make explosives. Scrap metal drives were held all over the country, and even the farmers were encouraged by the John Deere Company to "Sink a Sub From your Farm: Bring in your Scrap."



Hazard, Kentucky – Main Street (photo by Hal Cooner.)

Clothing was collected to make rags for cleaning machinery, and cleaning the decks of our navy ships. Many other classes of material were collected for various ultimate uses, all to help in the war effort.



Diagonal to the Country Store and across from the Willows Garage (McCall's), now Bad Boy Toyz, was an empty lot. During the war, it became an official salvage depot for scrap metal. Scrap metal was used for bullets, planes, and so forth. Even tin cans and cast-iron pots and pans were used for the war effort. Donald Fraser Jr. standing on top of this pile of metal would make any mother cringe.

Salem, Connecticut – Salem Four Corners (photo courtesy of *Images of America: Salem* by Cindy Lee Corriveau.)

A large part of the war propaganda effort demanded sacrifice in terms of daily activities – saving leftover waste fats for use in explosives, saving tin cans for metal to be recycled into military material, eating leftovers, recycling paper, growing vegetables (Victory Gardens) and canning them for later home use, saving gasoline by driving cars slower and less often. The national speed limit was lowered to 35 mph! Appeals directly to women became a major element in poster propaganda (Rosie the Riveter), from asking women to enlist in the armed forces, to encouraging housewives to conserve all home resources. The government fought price fixing and black marketing with rationing. All Americans needed to share in the burdens of shortages equally. Not to share in sacrifices for Victory was an unpatriotic act, and often was reported.

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Find out what's happening in Salem this summer

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION

Submitted by Diane Weston

Are gas prices getting to you? Are you staying at home for vacation this summer?

Salem Recreation is offering several programs for the summer months!

Performing Arts Summer Program: July 5 to July 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Gardner Lake Firehouse

Fee: \$165.00 resident / \$170.00 non-resident

The first camp of the summer to be offered! Students will participate in exciting acting and dance classes. The program concludes with a performance for family and friends on the last day!

US Sports Institute: July 11 to 15 at the Round Hill Road Complex

Multi-Sports - ages 6 to 14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Fee: \$149.00 resident / \$155.00 non-resident

Over 15 different sports from around the world will be experienced!

Beginner Golf Clinic – ages 6 to 12, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$89.00 resident / \$95.00 non-resident

Children will learn basic golf techniques. Larger balls and club heads are used, allowing more striking of the ball consistently.

Sports Squirts – ages 3 to 5, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$79.00 resident / \$85.00 non-resident

Children will learn a variety of sports while having fun!

Tennis Camp: July 18 to 22 at the Round Hill Road Tennis Courts

Ages 5 to 9: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • Ages 10 to 16: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$55.00 resident / \$60.00 non-resident

Learn to play tennis or sharpen your skills! Please bring a racket and filled water bottle.

Basketball Camp: [Session 1: July 25 to 29]

[Session 2: August 1 to 5] (location TBA)

Ages 5 to 7: 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Ages 8 to 10: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fee for each session: \$25.00 resident / \$30.00 non-resident

Children will be taught the fundamentals of the game!

Mad Science Camp: August 15 to 19, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Details to be announced.

Music Lessons with Chris Hebert: July 5 through August 3 (location TBA)

Tuesday or Wednesday, 1/2 hour lesson, instrument of your choice

Fee: \$105.00 resident / \$110.00 non-resident

TWO EXCITING PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TRIPS ARE BEING OFFERED:

July 9 - **NY Yankees vs. Tampa Bay** Bus leaves Salem School at 8:30 a.m.; leaves Yankee Stadium ½ hour after the game.

Fee: \$105.00 resident / \$110.00 non-resident

August 28 – **Boston Red Sox vs. Oakland Athletics** Bus leaves Salem School at 9:30 a.m.; leaves Fenway Park ½ hour after the game.

Fee: \$90.00 resident / \$95.00 non-resident

October 1, 2011 will be a “Day on Your Own” in New York City! Bus leaves Salem School at 7:30 a.m.; leaves NYC at 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00 resident / \$40.00 non-resident

The best way to keep up to date with program changes is to register to receive email updates through the Town of Salem Web site. Go to www.salemct.gov/Pages/SalemCT_Recreation/index for this information. You may also contact Diane Weston at 860-859-3873x250 or email Diane.Weston@salemct.gov for information.



LIONS TALES

*Submitted by
Lion George Ziegler*



Here we are with summer officially approaching; lots has happened this spring and much still to do before we take a short break to gear up for our fall season.

On April 9, we held the 18th Annual Salem Road Race. What a great day! Congratulations to all who ran. Thanks to the sponsors, to the helpers on race day, and to the race committee for all their work.

Our Kids' Race was very popular, with 69 entrants from ages 2 to 47. It was won by Marcus Orsini with a time of 7:52. Congratulations to Marcus and all the runners.

A record number of runners registered for the 5K Run. There were 248 runners ranging in ages from 6 to 81 years (for those who listed their ages). The first male and female to cross the finish line were Adam Bulewich and Melissa Stellato. Great run for both. First place winners based on age-graded results for men and women were Connor Grafton and Dani Kennedy. Congratulations to both of you and to all the runners.

On April 16, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt took place at Salem School, complete with Easter Bunny, hunt for candy and special eggs, jelly bean races, face painting, and prizes for kids in pre-k through 4th grade. If you were not there, you missed a great time. Congratulations to all participants; many thanks to the Shoreline Leos for providing the Easter Bunny and for the great face painters; also to all the Salem Lions who helped with the details.

New Salem Lion officers for 2011 – 2012 were elected at our April meeting and will be installed at our June 23rd meeting. For the coming year:

President:	Lion Bill Marti
1st Vice President:	Lion Alla Gorenbeyn
2nd Vice President:	Lion Skip Dickson
Secretary:	Lion Eric Belt
Treasurer:	Lion Skip Stangeland
Membership:	Lion Gordon Gillaspie

Congratulations to all!

Preparations for our 29th Salem Community Calendar are in final stages; as a town service, we deliver a calendar to each residence in Salem. The calendar contains listings of all Town Board and Commission meetings, other organization meetings, and school calendars for both Salem School and East Lyme High School. We will be delivering the calendars in late August.

Annual Lions Tag Sale – Coming on Saturday, June 25 at the corner of Shingle Mill Road and Rt 82. Lots of goodies for everyone: all types of furniture; toys; tools; clothing; books; collectibles; and much more. All donations are welcome. Call Norm Rabe at 859-0165 or bring your donations to the site on Friday evening, June 24. All proceeds go directly to our service projects.

At our June 23rd meeting, Salem Lions will be presenting scholarships to two graduating Salem high school students. They and their parents will be our guests for dinner and evening festivities. Our annual induction of officers will also be conducted by a Lion District 23-C officer.

Summer is still a busy time for Salem Lions. Our wood project (cutting, splitting, and stacking) will continue throughout the summer to be ready for the next heating season. Firewood will be available to Seniors, and a limited amount for sale. This past year, we delivered (donated and sold) approximately 11 cords of firewood, and 250 bundles of campfire wood which was available at Mapleshade.

Have a great summer!



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Submitted by Rev. Tim Dubeau



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning June 5, one service at 9:00 a.m.
Childcare available through age 5.

Salem Green Cemetery Association

Submitted by Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton

The annual meeting of the Salem Green Cemetery Association occurred on April 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Salem Town Hall.

Our thanks to past President David Wordell, who announced his resignation in order to attend to other obligations.

The new roster of officers and association members:

President Emeritus - Francis Robinson
President - Charlene Clancy (plot owner)
Vice President - Carol Vasquez
Secretary/Historian - Helen Woronik (plot owner)
Treasurer - Catherine Teel (plot owner)
Sexton - Rev. Tim Dubeau
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UPCOMING EVENTS

(Please check our Web site for details.)

September 11 – Rally Sunday – Schedule returns to two worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Registration at 9:45 a.m. in the Christian Education building for Sunday School (adults) and Bible Zone (children). All are welcome to come and join us!

September 24 – Saturday – Dough Day – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Official start of Apple Festival preparation which continues on Monday/Tuesday evenings 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings 8:30 a.m. to noon through October 26. Public invited to assist!

October 29 – 42nd Annual Apple Festival – 9:00 a.m. 'til sold out.

Members at large – Nancy Dytko, Larry Reitz

For the period 02/01/2011 to 04/21/2011 there was one interment.

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Contact the SGCA cemetery sexton, Rev. Tim Dubeau, at 860-859-1925 if interested in purchasing one or more plots.

For current plot owners: please adhere to the regulations for plot decorations and adornment. They are posted on the cemetery sign board.



SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Jackie Hemond, Salem Free Public Library

The Death of the Salem Library?

Not long ago someone told me that he didn't think the Salem Library was going to be around much longer because of the prevalence of electronic tools – the Nooks, the Kindles, streaming videos, and the Internet, where everyone is a reference librarian. Why go to the library when all of this is available? I told him he was wrong.

The Salem Library continues to be a traditional library, a book warehouse where patrons find and check out books. A few years ago, some patrons were horrified when librarians started buying movies for libraries – but we did, because our patrons wanted them. Libraries then became a movie warehouse. Libraries also offered software and music CDs—and libraries warehoused each item. Now libraries have e-books, downloadable books, Kindles and Nooks—and libraries warehouse them too. It would be foolish not to.

Electronic readers provide access to a million books. Amazon just announced a “Kindle Library Lending” program, although it has not revealed the particulars of it. Barnes & Noble introduced its Nook e-reader in 2009 and since its launch, the Nook has offered library e-book lending. However, despite this, the publisher, Harper-Collins, limits downloads to 26 times, then the library has to purchase the download rights again. Other publishers, such as Macmillan and Simon & Schuster, don't offer their e-books to libraries. For now, there are limits on the new electronic tools. But the Salem Library has both – some e-books and lots of bound books. We plan to buy more of each.

April 13 was Snapshot Day at libraries throughout Connecticut. In Salem we asked our patrons why they came to the library and their answers varied. Some were looking for a quiet refuge. Patrons worked on computers doing homework, others played games, e-mailed, Facebooked or looked for a job. Some came to use the copy machines – we have both black and white and color copiers. Others needed to use a fax machine. Still others came to hang out, meet with friends, browse the shelves, request items from interlibrary loan or attend meetings.

I have to digress for a moment on the subject of interlibrary loans. Some readers may realize that the interlibrary loan system, funded by the State of Connecticut,

was deleted in the first-round of Dannel Malloy's budget. Thanks to librarians and their patrons, the interlibrary loan system is safe for another year!

It is true that many people came to the library on Snapshot Day just to return and check out library items. The library continues to be a warehouse. But it is also true that the library has become a site for varied social activities. It is a cultural community center and not just a warehouse. Seniors play Wii and card games every Tuesday afternoon with a Wii system provided by the Salem Recreation Department. Next month the Salem Library will be home to a Lyme Disease support group. Last year 330 meetings by community groups were held at the Salem Library. Although the library had no library programs on Snapshot Day, a Boy Scout troop had a meeting, some people came to exercise together, and a group of children were learning how to play chess. Last year 3,725 people attended 298 library programs paid for by the Friends of Salem Library.

The Salem library is not dying. It will continue to survive despite the prevalence of new tools. We'll just incorporate them into our collection if we can. Libraries are evolving from warehouse to community center.



The Abuteen sisters enjoy the Salem library's playroom.



Members of the Dance China New York, the resident company of the New York Chinese Cultural Center, performed on April 14th for Salem Middle School students as part of the last cultural assembly of the school year. The company members included award-winning dancers and master musicians from China and the United States. This dance program, performed in full traditional Chinese costumes, introduced students to Chinese culture through language lessons, historical background, onstage demonstrations, and audience interaction. Salem students particularly enjoyed learning and performing the traditional ribbon dance.

PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION PROGRAMMING LESSONS

Submitted by Pam Munro

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council encourages community members to take advantage of opportunities offered by Comcast. Salem representatives are Peter Sielman and Pamela Munro. Public Access channel 14 is designed to enhance civic awareness and involvement with video programming produced by and for individuals or non-profit organizations.

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Please call Access Coordinator Lynn Perry (860-434-0643) for more information.

Salem Historical Society

Submitted by Elizabeth Lane

The Historical Society Building is getting a new roof in May and the outside of the building is getting repainted in June. In addition to its refreshed façade, the historical society is looking forward to several programs during the summer and fall.

Third Annual Car Cruise and Ice Cream Social – July 21

The car cruise will begin on the Town Green at 6 p.m. Come enjoy Salem Valley Farm's Ice Cream and the Eight Mile River bluegrass band. Bring your cruise car and join the fun.

Meeting - September 15

Program on the Civil War by Deanna St. Jean at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Autumn Walk - October 2

Meet at the Town Green at 1 p.m. Path to be decided.



Salem Pre-School Identification

Submitted by Cathy Wayne

The Salem Public School System is responsible for the location, evaluation and identification of any child with a disability who resides in Salem. The Salem School System will provide screening and, if necessary, a diagnostic evaluation to determine if a child is in need of special education services. A variety of public and private service providers offer programs for children from birth to age three. Salem School provides programs and

services for Salem children with disabilities from age 3 to 21 years.

If you know of a child who may have a disability and has not been identified by the Salem School System, please ask the child's parents to contact Fayne Molloy, Interim Director of Special Programs, at 860-859-3988.



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Submitted by Chief Gene Maiorano



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the two has the grander view?**

Victor Hugo.

. . . Neither one. WE do!

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Love, Mom, Dad and Carley

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Our Town Salem (OTS) is a magazine published quarterly to enhance the lives of Salem residents through articles that inform, encourage and celebrate the people, activities, businesses and organizations in town. OTS is produced entirely by volunteers and is distributed free of charge inside the *Lyme Times*, thanks to the businesses, organizations and individuals who place their ads! OTS producers feel strongly that:

1. Our town is nothing without its people!
2. Salem people are from all walks of life; we work, play, shop, volunteer, help each other out, and use our skills and talents in myriads of ways. We like to know about each other and about what's happening in our town!

At its best, OTS features the people of Salem and that will happen with your participation:

- Send us a photo and caption, write a story, or give us leads on stories one of our volunteers could write! Contact Elizabeth Regan at ecregan@sbcglobal.net or 860-859-2621.
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- Give us leads of businesses who would like to be featured in and/or advertise in OTS. Contact Sue Weber at msweber1@aol.com or 860-204-9020.

The next deadline is July 15 for the September issue.



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- ✓ Grab a couple of disposable gloves and some trash bags. Use a long-handled grabbing tool to keep your back happy!

**Litter. It's ugly.
It's not welcome here.
Notice it. Retrieve it.
Get it outta here!**

REMINDER:

Don't forget! June is Dog License Renewal Month. Make sure Fido and Fifi have a current inoculation for Rabies and are licensed per CT Statute...

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